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# H. R. 7406

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. OMAR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Supportive Services  
5 Enhancement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.**

7       (a) INCLUSION OF SUPPORTIVE SERVICES IN DEFI-  
8 NITION OF CAREER PATHWAY.—Section 3(7) of the  
9 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.  
10 3102(7))—

1                         (1) is amended by striking “and” at the end of  
2                         subparagraph (F);

3                         (2) in subparagraph (G), by striking the period  
4                         at the end and inserting “; and”; and

5                         (3) by adding at the end the following:

6                         “(H) includes supportive services or pro-  
7                         vides assistance in applying for and accessing  
8                         direct support services, means-tested Federal  
9                         benefit programs, or similar State, tribal, or  
10                         local benefit programs.”.

11                         (b) SUPPORTIVE SERVICES DEFINED.—Section  
12                         3(59) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act  
13                         (29 U.S.C. 3102(59)) is amended to read as follows:

14                         “(59) SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.—The term ‘sup-  
15                         portive services’ means services such as transpor-  
16                         tation, child care, dependent care, housing, food and  
17                         nutrition services, mental health care supports, sub-  
18                         stance use disorder treatment, access to broadband,  
19                         affordable internet connection, or digital devices with  
20                         connection to the internet, assistive technology, and  
21                         needs-related payments, that are necessary to enable  
22                         an individual to participate in workforce develop-  
23                         ment activities.”.

24                         (c) FUNCTIONS OF LOCAL BOARD.—Section  
25                         107(d)(3) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity

1 Act (29 U.S.C. 3122(d)(3)) is amended, in the first sen-  
2 tence, by inserting “, including supportive services offered  
3 by community-based organizations,” after “resources”.

4 (d) PROGRAM ELEMENTS FOR YOUTH WORKFORCE  
5 INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES.—Section 129(c)(2) of the  
6 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C.  
7 3164(c)(2) is amended—

8 (1) by amending subparagraph (G) to read as  
9 follows:

10 “(G) Supportive services, including pro-  
11 viding supportive services to eligible youth or  
12 connecting such youth to supportive services  
13 provided by another entity, to enable participa-  
14 tion in the a summer or year-round employment  
15 program, which may include food and nutrition  
16 services, and health and mental health care  
17 supports.”; and

18 (2) by amending subparagraph (K) to read as  
19 follows:

20 “(K) high-quality financial literacy edu-  
21 cation, including for eligible youth participating  
22 in a summer or year-round employment pro-  
23 gram, including education on the use of credit  
24 and financing higher education, and access to  
25 safe and affordable banking.”.

1           (e) REQUIRED LOCAL EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

2 ACTIVITIES.—Section 134(c) of the Workforce Innovation  
3 and Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3174(c)) is amend-  
4 ed—

5           (1) in paragraph (1)(A) is amended by striking  
6 clauses (iv) and (v) and inserting the following:

7                 “(iv) to provide supportive services de-  
8                 scribed in paragraph (4) to adults and dis-  
9                 located workers, respectively, through the  
10                one-stop delivery system in accordance  
11                with such paragraph;”; and

12           (2) by adding at the end the following:

13                 “(4) SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.—A portion of the  
14                funds allocated to a local area for adults under para-  
15                graph (2)(A) or (3), as appropriate, of section  
16                133(b), and a portion of the funds allocated to the  
17                local area for dislocated workers under section  
18                133(b)(2)(B)—

19                 “(A) shall be used to provide supportive  
20                services (that are not needs-related payments)  
21                to adults and dislocated workers, respectively—

22                     “(i) who are participating in programs  
23                with activities authorized in paragraph (2)  
24                or (3) of subsection (c), or who entered un-  
25                subsidized employment after participating

1           in such programs, for up to 12 months fol-  
2           lowing the date of first employment; and

3                 “(ii) who are unable to obtain such  
4                 supportive services through other programs  
5                 providing such services; and

6                 “(B) may be used to provide needs-related  
7                 payments to adults and dislocated workers, re-  
8                 spectively, who are unemployed and do not  
9                 qualify for (or have ceased to qualify for) unem-  
10                 ployment compensation for the purpose of ena-  
11                 bling such individuals to participate in pro-  
12                 grams of training services under subsection  
13                 (c)(3).”.

